

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ESCALANTE VALLEY  
WATER USERS ASSOCIATION, BERYL, UTAH, FEBRUARY 9, 1978

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM at the Escalante Valley Community Building, by Mr. Donald Norseth who introduced representatives of the office of the State Engineer; reported on snow-pack and water outlook and reviewed the agenda.

The following water users were in attendance:

Melvin Gardner  
Robert Holt  
Boyd Christensen  
A. Morley Wilson  
Normand Laub  
Marvin Bracken  
Neal Bracken  
Steve Jones  
Richard Jones  
Mason Jones  
Arthur Piper  
Lehi M. Wood  
S. P. Lipema Co.

Jan Moyle  
Albert Harrison  
J. Ross Harrison  
Evan Hansen  
Wesley C. Hunt  
Willard Pickering  
Bradley Barlow  
Nyal V. Bosshardt  
Lavon Randall  
Heber Staheli  
Marlo Reber  
Steve Staheli  
John M. McGarry

Sherwood Bracken  
Harold B. All  
Niels L. Nielsen  
Carl R. Anderson  
Roy Benson  
Garry Middleton  
H. Wayne Holt  
R. Leon Bowler  
Brad Bowler  
Grant Staheli  
Arthur T. Jones  
Alma A. Holt  
Nellie Moyle

Mr. Dee Hansen, Utah State Engineer, Mr. Donald Norseth Directing Engineer, Mr. Gerald Stoker and Mr. Ralph Miller of the Area Office in Cedar City and Mr. Grant Twitchell, Water Commissioner were also in attendance.

Mr. Norseth then turned the meeting over to Mr. Sherwood Bracken, Chairman who conducted the meeting.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and approved as read.

Mr. Gerald Stoker reviewed the financial report of the association and under a motion, duly seconded the financial report was accepted.

Mr. Grant Twitchell presented a short report for the year 1977 as follows:

1977		1976
79,954.50	Acre Feet Pumped	86,149.61
2,649.827	Surface Water Used (ac. ft.)	4,487.55
224	Number of Wells	231
27	Number of Wells Overpumped	25
3,810.274	Acre Feet Overpumped	3,064.77

Mr. Twitchell also indicated that a number of farmers have had their meters repaired. The commissioner's reported was accepted.

Mr. Bracken then indicated that the next item on the agenda was the preparation of the budget for the year 1978. There was an item by item discussion of the budget. Considerable discussion was held on the commissioners salary for 1978. Following the discussion a motion was made by Richard Jones and seconded by Jan Moyle that the board of directors be authorized to look at and adjust the commissioners salary, with a budgeted item of \$2,000.00 being set for the commissioners salary, final determination to be made by the board. Total budgeted items included and discussed and included in the motion totaled \$3,618.14. After full discussion, the motion was passed.



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Mr. Bracken then indicated that the next item on the agenda was the approval of the water assessment to the water users to cover the budget of \$3,618.14. Motion was made by Robert Holt, seconded by B. Barlow that the assessment be based on \$3,000.00 with the balance of the budget to be paid out of surplus in the distribution trust funds. Motion passed.

The membership then authorized the board to make a recommendation to the State Engineer for the appointment of a water commissioner for 1978.

The next item on the agenda was the selection of directors to fill the expired terms of John M. McGarry, Niels L. Nielsen and Marvin Bracken on the board of directors.

Those nominated for directors for a two year term were:

John M. McGarry by Albert Harrison  
A. Morley Wilson by Richard Jones  
Niels L. Nielsen by H. Wayne Holt  
Brad Barlow by Wesley Hunt  
Kerry Holt by Lavon Randall  
Lavon Randall by Brad Barlow

Motion was made, duly seconded and passed that the nominations cease and the members proceed to ballot. Mr. Bracken appointed Gerald Stoker and Ralph Miller to count the ballots.

While the ballots were being counted, Mr. Bracken reported on a proposal recommended by the board of directors and presented last year and this year to the State Engineer relative to a change in the water policy regarding use of sprinklers on additional acreage with a reduction in the acre-foot allotment.

Mr. Bracken then introduced Mr. Dee Hansen, State Engineer who gave a few brief remarks regarding the Engineer's policy relative to use of underground and surface water under the Enterprise Reservoir System; discussed the recommendation indicated above by Mr. Bracken and indicated his reasons for not making a change in policy at the present time and then reported on his activities and concern regarding the proposed National Water Policy.

The results of the election were announced: John M. McGarry  
A. Morley Wilson  
Niels L. Nielsen

The composition of the board for 1978 is as follows:

One Year Term: Normand Laub and Robert Holt  
Two Year Term: John M. McGarry, A. Morley Wilson & Niels L. Nielsen  
Sherwood Bracken representing Enterprise Reservoir Company  
Richard Jones, Newcastle Reservoir Company  
Albert Harrison, Pinto Irrigation Company

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

  
John M. McGarry, Secretary



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Meeting Called to order by Sherwood Bracken at 1:30 PM, with Mr. Dee Hansen and Mr. Gerald Stoker representing the State Engineers Office and Sherwood Bracken, Robert Holt and John McGarry representing the water users and others representing the Enterprise water users.

Mr. Sherwood Bracken discussed the problems involved with the determination of water usage by the Enterprise farmers using both surface and underground water and also presented again the Water Users Association's proposal for a change in the water policy relative to acreage and acre-foot restrictions for sprinkler irrigation.

The State Engineer indicated his approach to the problem of determining the best means to handle the problems administering the surface and underground water under the reservoir systems. Mr. Hansen also indicated again that he would not make a change in the present water policy as recommended by the board.

The meeting was adjourned for the annual water users meeting, to be resumed upon completion of the meeting, 2:45 PM

The meeting was again called to order at 5:00 PM, with Sherwood Bracken, Richard Jones, Albert Harrison, Normand Laub, Robert Holt, John M. McGarry, A. Morley Wilson and Niels L. Nielsen in attendance.

Motion was made by Niels Nielsen, seconded by Albert Harrison and duly passed that the rules be suspended and the Chairman and Secretary be reappointed for another year.

The minutes of the February 7 and 17th, 1977 meetings were read and approved.

There was a discussion on the selection of a water commissioner and the salary to be considered.

Motion by Richard Jones, seconded by Albert Holt that the salary of the commissioner be set to coincide with the \$2,000.00 figure set in the budget. Motion passed.

Motion by A. Morley Wilson, seconded by Richard Jones that the board recommend to the State Engineer, Mr. Grant Twitchell, Enterprise, Utah as water commissioner for 1978. Motion passed.

A financial report of local administrative funds was given by Sherwood Bracken indicating that the cash balance is increasing slightly through receipts on water meter repairs.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

  
John M. McGarry, Secretary